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REFERENCE: A) COLOMBO 4710 (77), B) SPALDING/GWYN LETTER

OF 3 MARCH, C) HARRISON/SPALDING LETTER OF 3 APR,

D) NEW DELHI 7032, E) STATE 124594

1. THE FOLLOWING WILL HOPEFULLY UNRAVEL COSTS ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR THE LOBBY RENOVATIONS AT COLOMBO:

2. REFERENCE A WAS COLOMBO'S SUBMISSION OF COST ESTIMATES FOR RSO'S RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS. INCLUDED WERE COST ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BE PERFORMED BY LOCAL CONTRACTORS IN CONNECTION WITH LOBBY RENOVATION. THESE COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. \$ 400: RENOVATION TO ACCOMODATE WALK-THRU METAL DETECTOR SCREENING OPERATION.

B. \$1,000: CONSTRUCTION OF MARINE AND RECEPTIONIST DESK.

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C. \$1,200: CONSTRUCTION OF CONSULAR COUNTER.

D. \$ 800: MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF ORNAMENTAL GRILLE ATOP STAIRS HEADING TO SUBSTANTIVE AREA.

TOTAL: \$3,400

3. REFERENCE B WAS RSO'S SUBMISSION OF COSTS FOR LEXGARD AND LEXAN FOR MARINE/RECEPTIONIST BOOTH AND CONSULAR COUNTER. THE PRICES WERE OBTAINED FROM COMMERCIAL PLASTICS CATALOG OF JULY 21ST, 1977 - THE LATEST AVAILABLE TO THE RSO IN NEW DELHI.

COST: \$13,125

- 4. REFERENCE C INDICATED THAT SY ASSUMED ALL OF REF A WAS FOR LOBBY RENOVATIONS. HOWEVER, THE \$6,500 TOTAL WAS FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY RSO. CURRENT COSTS FOR POST FOR LOBBY RENOVATIONS AS REFLECTED IN REFERENCE C ARE AS INDICATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. (\$3,400)
- 5. REF D, NEW DELHI 7032 ADDED \$5,000 TO THE COST OF LEXGARD WITH THE DECISION TO USE LEXGARD DOORS IN LIEU OF WOODEN DOORS AT REAR OF LOBBY SO AS TO PRESERVE THE VIEW OF THE HISTORIC STAIRWAY.
- 6. THE TOTAL COST FOR WHICH THE POST REQUIRES FUNDING IS $\$21,\!525$ TO BRING THE LOBBY UP TO DEPARTMENT'S STANDARDS. GOHEEN

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